

REMARKS

Claim 1-28 were pending previously and were rejected. Those rejections were appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The decision in that appeal held that claims 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21 were patentable.

In response to that decision:

- A. Claims 1-4 have been cancelled herein.
- B. Independent claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the patentable subject matter from claim 10, which has been canceled. This places claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 18 and 19 in a condition for allowance.
- C. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of original claim 5 and claim 7, the latter of which has been cancelled.
- D. Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of original claim 5, as well as the patentable subject matter from claim 15. This essentially rewrites patentable claim 15 in independent form. As a result, claim 15 has been canceled. The amendment of claim 12 places it and claims 13, 14, 16 and 17 in a condition for allowance.
- E. Claim 20 have been amended to incorporate the patentable subject matter from claim 21 which has been canceled. This also places claims 22-24 in a condition for allowance.

After entry of this amendment claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16-20 and 22-24 remain pending.

Therefore all the claims that remain pending contain subject matter that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences found to be patentable. As a consequence, allowance of the present application is requested.

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